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Raymond L. Acosta

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1925

Education: Rutgers (Newark) 1953 LLB

Began Service: 1982

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Academic: Vice President and Manager, IBEC Real Estate Services Incorporated (1967-1968); Senior Vice President and Trust Officer, Banco Credito y Ahorro Ponceno (1968-1980); Vice President, Banco Popular de Puerto Rico (1980)

Government: Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice (1954-1958); Assistant United States Attorney, District of Puerto Rico, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1958-1962); United States Attorney, District of Puerto Rico, United States Department of Justice (1980-1982)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1953-1954); Baker & Woods (1962-1963); Partner, Igaravidez & Acosta (1963-1967)

Military Service: United States Navy (1943-1946)

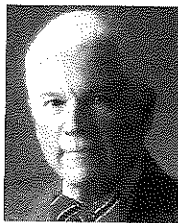
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Salvador E. Casellas
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1935

Education: Georgetown 1957 BS;
Puerto Rico 1960 LLB; Harvard 1961 LLM

Began Service: November 1, 1994

Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Government: Secretary of the Treasury, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (1973-1976); Civilian Aide, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Gerald Ford Administration (1985-1989)

Chambers of Senior Judge Salvador E. Casellas continued

Legal Practice: Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez (1962-1972); Fiddler, Gonzalez & Rodriguez (1977-1994)

Military Service: United States Army (1961-1962); United States Army Reserve (1963-1967); Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army, United States Army (1985-1989)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Puerto Rican Academy of Jurisprudence; Puerto Rico Bar Association

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Héctor M. Laffitte
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1934

Education: Inter American 1955 BA; Puerto Rico 1958 LLB;
Georgetown 1960 LLM

Began Service: August 1983

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

Political Affiliation: Republican

Affiliation: Member (R), Chambers of Member Hector M. Laffitte, Judicial Conference of the United States

Legal Practice: Hartzell, Fernandez & Novas (1959-1964); Private Practice (1965-1966); Nachman, Feldstein, Laffitte & Smith (1966-1969); Laffitte & Dominquez (1970-1983)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Institute of Judicial Administration

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Justo Arenas
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1946

Education: CCNY 1968 BBA; Puerto Rico 1974 JD

Began Service: April 1981

Term Expires: April 2013

Academic: Adjunct Professor, Caribbean Center for Advanced Studies (1997); Adjunct Professor, Caribbean Center for Advanced Studies (1999)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Juan R. Torruella, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (1976-1978)

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, District of Puerto Rico, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1978-1981)

Judicial: Temporary Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire (1992-1993)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1975)

Military Service: United States Army (1968-1970)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association

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Gustavo A. Gelpí
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1965

Education: Brandeis 1987 BA; Suffolk 1991 JD

Began Service: June 29, 2001

Term Expires: June 29, 2009

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Juan M. Pérez-Giménez, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (1991-1993)

Government: Assistant Public Federal Defender (1993-1996); Special Counsel, United States Sentencing Commission (1996); Assistant to the Attorney General (1997); Deputy Attorney General (1997-1999); Solicitor General of Puerto Rico (1999-2000)

Legal Practice: McConnell Valdés Law Firm (2001)

Current Memberships: Federal Bar Association; Puerto Rico Bar Association; Virgin Islands Bar Association

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Camille L. Velez-Rive
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: February 5, 1968

Education: Puerto Rico JD

Began Service: March 22, 2004

Term Expires: March 2012

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Gerardo A. Carlo-Altieri
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1942

Education: Puerto Rico BA, 1965 LLB; Boston U 1967 LLM

Began Service: August 1994

Term Expires: August 2008

Affiliation: Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit

Academic: Lecturer, University of Puerto Rico Law School (1971-1976)

Government: Counsel, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (1980-1983)

Legal Practice: Partner, Carlo & Troncoso & Becher (1983-1990)

Military Service: Captain, United States Army

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Sara E. de Jesús
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947

Education: Puerto Rico 1975 JD; Miami 1978 LLM

Began Service: 1986

Term Expires: 2014

Affiliation: Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the First Circuit

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Jose V. Toledo, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico; Law Clerk The Honorable Gilberto Gierbolini, United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (1974-1976)

Government: Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration, United States Department of Health and Human Services

Legal Practice: Associate, Jimenez & Fuste; Partner, Brown, Newsom & Cordova

Current Memberships: American Maritime Law Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Puerto Rican Bankruptcy Bar Association; Puerto Rican Bar Association

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